



Minutes of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention Committee (STDPC) Meeting of 5 January 01

Permanent Membership Attendance

[X] = Present [P] = Phone In [R] = Representative Sent [A] = Absent

Chairperson

[X] Mr. Bill Calvert, Chairman

OSD Force Management Policy

[A] VACANT

Manpower and Reserve

[X] COL Craig Urbauer, USA

[X] LCDR Gillian Jaeger, USN

[A] Ms. Carol Thompson, USAF

Department of Personnel

[X] LTC Jerry Swanner, USA

[A] LT JR Beckham, USN

[A] Maj. James Whitworth, USAF

Medical (SG Representative)

[X] LTC Lois Borsay, USA

[A] VACANT, USN

[X] Lt.Col. Fred Kelsey, USAF

[X] Lt.Col. Vic MacIntosh, USAF

[X] Ms. Cathy Ficadenti, USMC

Health Promotion

[X] LTC Dave Peterson, USA

[X] Mr. Steve Heaston, USN

[A] Lt. Col. Bruce Weaver, USAF

[X] Ms. Cathy Ficadenti, USMC

Education and Training

[A] VACANT, OSD

[X] COL Elliot Rosner, USA

[A] Barry Hoag, USN

[A] Maj. Ron Hale, USAF

[A] VACANT, USMC

Research (WRAIR, NHRC)

[X] Dr. Joel Gaydos, WRAIR

[X] Dr. Phil Renzullo, WRAIR/HMJF

[A] Donna Ruscavage, WRAIR/HMJF

[X] COL Kelly McKee, USAMRIID

[X] CDR Rick Shaffer, NHRC

Coast Guard Health and Safety

[A] CDR Sharon Ludwig, USPHS

[X] Ms. Vicki Brannan, Health Promotion

Women's Health Representative

[X] CDR Josephine Brumit, BUMED

J4 Representative

[X] Lt.Col. Christine Bader, J4

AD HOC and Other Member Attendance

CAPT Murphy

Ms. Lynn Pahland

Major Kevin Stephen

LTJG Rachelle Cannon, USCG, Health Promotions

Dr. Linda Alexander, American Social Health Association

Dr. Kim Hamlett

1. Bill Calvert convened the meeting at 0913 at 0940 at American Social Health Association's (ASHA) Office, 1275 K Street, NW, Washington, DC.
2. The minutes of the 30 November 00 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Mr. Calvert provided General Business/Announcements:
 - CDR Ludwig left the STDPC due to new job assignment.
 - Lt. Col. Macintosh will chair the Surveillance Subcommittee.
 - Donna Rusavage has resigned from the Henry Jackson Foundation to take a new position out of town. She will no longer be with the STDPC.
4. Each person in the room gave a short introduction of themselves.
5. Reviewed the STDPC membership matrix and discussed people to fill in the gaps and adding Ad hoc members. Defined regular and Ad hoc members. Regular members are expected to attend STDPC meetings and work on relevant Subcommittees. Ad hoc members are called upon when needed. An updated membership matrix was distributed to reflect changes in representatives on the STDPC. The latest matrix will be available on the STDPC Home Page. The STDPC Home Page is <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/stdpc/index.htm>.
6. CAPT Murphy (Executive Assistant, Prevention, Safety and Health Promotion Council (PSHPC) updated the group on the PSHPC meeting on 4 Jan 01. Minutes of the PSHPC meeting are available through the PSHPC Home Page accessible through the STDPC Home Page. An electronic copy of CAPT Murphy's presentation was provided to all members. A copy will be placed on the STDPC Home Page. Additionally, a background paper on the PSHPC, as well as the PSHPC Charter, were distributed. Copies are available from the PSHPC Home Page.

CAPT Murphy made several additional comments regarding the PSHPC and the STDPC. He stressed that Lt. Gen. Carlton, PSHPC Chair, believes that our work is important. The STDPC need to be the seed to implement changes to reduce the burden of STDs DoD wide. The importance of STDPC work efforts is reflected by the support provided by the PHSPIC. The STDPC makes recommendations and the PSHPC makes the decisions.
7. Lynn Pahland, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, discussed translating some of our action plans into policy. She is working on two relevant policy updates in the DoD.

An updated, "draft" **DoD Directive 1010.10, "Health Promotion"** is being coordinated among the Service Secretariats. Major changes include the elimination of specific Health Promotion areas and allows a broad, unified approach to Health Promotion. The new draft Directive states that it is DoD policy to support the achievement of Healthy People 2010 Goals and Objectives throughout the DoD with

special emphasis placed on Healthy People 2010 Leading Health Indicators. Of these ten indicators, "Responsible Sexual Behavior" is one. STD/HIV prevention is not a core area in the current Health Promotion Directive.

An updated "draft" **DoD Directive 6485.1 "Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)"** is also being coordinated among the Service Secretariats. This draft Directive provides for three themes: (1) Protect the health and safety of HIV positive service members, (2) allow HIV positive service members to serve fully in the military, and (3) ensure the integrity of the unit mission. Several new issues are being addressed and full debate is expected. Whether these new issues remain, or are changed, is unknown. Some of these issues include, (1) annual force testing for HIV and, (2) establishing policies and procedures to grant exception to policy for HIV infected personnel to allow assignment/deployment outside of the United States and Puerto Rico. Finally, this draft Directive requires the Service Secretaries to support the activities and recommendations of the DoD STDPC.

Please remember, these are draft policies in formal coordination. They can be changed as part of this process. When actual policies are signed, the STDPC will be alerted. Those with specific input and/or comments were asked to contact Lynn Pahland directly, or through the appropriate chain of command.

Time line to implement these policies require the Services to respond within 45 days, or request an extension. From the beginning of coordination it takes about 6 months to have the final policy signed.

8. Mr. Bill Calvert provided a review of the history and overview of the STDPC Action Plan. A copy of his presentation, the STDPC Charter and Action Plan were distributed. These documents are available on the STDPC Home Page.
9. The STDPC Surveillance Subcommittee (STDPCSS) provided a review of their activities to date. Lt. Col. Victor MacIntosh, the new chairperson, reported that the Subcommittee is reviewing surveillance systems throughout the DoD. There are not only differing reporting systems among the Services, but differences within them as well. The Subcommittee will focus their efforts towards developing a report of what they found, and what they recommend to strengthen surveillance DoD wide. The latest copy of the working action plan was distributed.
10. Dr. Joel Gaydos reported that the Research Subcommittee activities have been limited to identifying new members and developing ideas for what this Subcommittee should be doing. Many Research Subcommittee members are also on the Surveillance Subcommittee and the work of the Surveillance Subcommittee has a high priority. The Research Subcommittee will consider identifying research needs and facilitating initiation of the needed research in any of the areas being addressed by the STDPC.

11. Mr. Steve Heaston gave a progress report on the Education Subcommittee. This Subcommittee had identified 3 goal champions for the 3 large action areas:
- Ensure targeted education.
 - Define and Implement a process to train instructors and ensure quality education
 - Integrate HIV and STD prevention education into existing Health Promotion Programs

There work is ongoing. The latest copy of the working action plan was distributed.

12. Mr. Barry Hoag, Goal Champion for Prevention Products, was not present. Mr. Calvert explained the history and activities of this area. There was nothing new to report since the last STDPC. Whether Mr. Hoag will be able to continue on the STDPC was uncertain.
13. The STDPC discussed many issues pertaining to completion of our Action Plan obligations. Mr. Calvert stressed that members need to actively participate if we are to complete our plan. Historically, the STDPC has met monthly and did most of the work as a group. As membership has grown, and various level of representatives are here, work needs to be completed in Subcommittees through meetings, phone conferencing, and/or e-mail exchanges. Additionally, Subcommittees have assign individual tasks to members to complete on their own as an effective way to implement the Action Plan. The STDPC will convene in the future as a "Executive Board" to review the work of the Subcommittees and provide direction to Subcommittee work and activities, address problems/concerns, and assign tasks.
14. Mr. Calvert expects to brief the PSHPC at their next meeting on STDPC activities. Further, he anticipates following up on our surveillance review as requested by the PSHPC at their October, 2000 meeting.
15. The STDPC confirmed the March 1, 2001 meeting to be held at Bolling Air Force Base. Room location and details will be sent to everyone by e-mail. The STDPC tentatively set the subsequent meeting for Thursday, May 24th. Location to be determined at the next meeting.
16. The meeting adjourned at 1345.

Minutes taken by Vicki Brannan and edited by Bill Calvert